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1. NEW MAGNETIC-ACOUSTIC TORPEDO USED BY GERMANS AND BOMB USED AGAINST

2. CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT BRITISH NAVAL ATTACHÉ
(1943)

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To [Name AJ][i].

[4 groups unrecovered] that the Germans are using [2 groups unrecovered] a new magnetic-acoustic torpedo. A special device aims the torpedo at the target if the initial data for the salvo [1 group unrecovered] incorrect or the target [4 groups unrecovered] the device [1 group unrecovered] pick up the sound of the screw and tune in to its oscillating note [REZONANS EGO KOLEBANIJ].

[34 groups unrecovered]
[49 groups unrecoverable]

about 30 cables from the target. Such bombs are considered highly effective. The Americans lost one of their light cruisers off the coast of ITALY due to action of a bomb of this type. This was reported under the strictest secrecy in a personal conversation by the Assistant British Naval Attaché.

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